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TRUDY COXE Secretary DAVID B. STRUHS Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

To:

The File

From:

Stephen J. Roberson, Environmental Analyst, BWSC/SMP

Date:

June 12, 1998

Subject:

MIDDLETON - Former Adhesives Manufacturer, 40 School Street

Release Tracking No. 3-0168

Telephone Contact with General Chemical

On June 12, 1998 the writer contacted Chris Colson of General Chemical Corporation by telephone to obtain an update on waste characterization and removal activities at the above-referenced site. Mr. Colson informed the writer that General Chemical had recently sampled drums and containers at the site in order to develop a bulking and removal plan. In addition, Mr. Colson stated that General Chemical had recently removed a lab pack from the site for off-site disposal.

Mr. Colson stated that he was scheduled to meet with Patricia Auterio later in the day to discuss plans for future waste characterization and removal. Mr. Colson stated that costs are definitely an issue for his client, and that his efforts have been designed to consolidate as many like materials as possible in order to reduce transportation and disposal costs. General Chemical has billed about \$15,000 for the job to date. Ms. Auterio has repeatedly informed Mr. Colson that her resources are limited, and has suggested that she may seek estimates from other vendors.

Mr. Colson stated that, subject to final authorization from Ms. Auterio, he expects to remove a roll-off of bulked wastes from the site within the next one or two weeks, followed about a week later by removal of the drums that remain within the on-site building. This would leave the truck trailers of (reportedly) non-hazardous materials outside of the building to be dealt with; Mr. Colson was unable to predict when these materials would be removed, stressing again that costs are a factor, both for the analysis of the materials and for their disposal.

Mr. Colson promised that he would call the writer on the afternoon of Monday, June 15, 1998 to report on the outcome of his conversations with Ms. Auterio, and to provide an update on when the remaining wastes would be removed from the site.